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What's exciting...
AYSDAN OZCAN
Associate professor,
University of California

"The pixel count in some smartphone cameras now reaches up to 40 megapixels. This opens up exciting opportunities in telemedicine. Microscopic images of cells can be computed from their own shadows, using a simple illumination set-up, such as Holzen's LUCAS microscope, rotated at the back of a regular camera-phone."



What's exciting...
JENNIFER PAHLAK
Founder
Gaitor for Airlines

"According to Tim O'Reilly, the UK government's Digital Service Design Principles is the most important design document since Apple's original Human Interface Guidelines. When we have interfaces to government that are simple, beautiful and easy to use, we have a very different society."



What's exciting...
JANE XI
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Founder, Augu

"AuguDo is an IoT app for anyone who enjoys the marvels and randomness of everyday creativity - inventors, hackers, weirdos and anyone who pays attention to how we do stuff. Take a series of photos with eight-second snippets of sound - the constraints make AuguDo so much more."

1. FAN CASE

The fan-blades tips clear the lining of the aluminium case by less than 3mm. The 3m-diameter fan spins at 2,760rpm; the tips move at over 1,450km/h with a centrifugal force of 90 tonnes on each blade.

2. FAN BLADES

The fan draws in air and feeds it to the turbine core, delivering 80 per cent of the engine's thrust. Twenty hollow titanium blades suck in 1.25 tonnes of air per second at take-off.

3. COMPRESSOR

Fourteen further pressure stages (rotating blades and static vanes) send compressed air to the combustor. Cold air is squashed to up to a 50th of its size, which raises its temperature to over 1,000°C.

4. SENSORS

Sensors measure pressures, vibrations, temperatures and other data. Data from thousands of airframe Trent engines is transmitted to Rolls-Royce's operation centre in Derby to monitor as much more.

Air engine:
Trent XWB
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first switch



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This Rolls-Royce engine is designed to make flying cleaner and more efficient

The XWB (Extra-Wide Body) is Rolls-Royce's latest variant of the Trent engine, built to power the new Airbus A350 XWB. It is the biggest Trent yet and is, its makers claim, the world's most efficient jet engine. You can see it in the skies later this year, but here's an early peek inside. Jeremy Kingsley rolls-royce.com

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HOW IT WORKS
Air is sucked in at the front and blown out of the back, generating forward thrust. Incoming air is squashed by compressors to a

50th of its volume, then combined with fuel and exploded in the combustor. This creates a gas jet that spins the rear turbine blades. Exhaust energy is harvested to turn the fan blades, pushing more cold air around the engine's sides and thrusting the plane forwards.



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5. COMBUSTOR

This combines the air from the compressor with kerosene and burns the mixture. Temperatures can reach over 2,000°C – nearly half that of the Sun – so cooling air is added and the casing is lined with ceramic.

6. TURBINE

Air expands and cools through the turbines, providing the power to drive the fan and compressor. A series of blades, holding 96 blades, rotates at 10,000rpm in a 1,600°C environment. The turbine blades assemble in a gas stream over 1,000°C higher than the melting point of the metal. To handle the heat, the blades are formed of a single metal crystal and coated in ceramic.

